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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 9, line 15, with the following amended paragraph:

For the OC-48 signals, digital data is formatted prior to being modulated by a framer 206. Framer 206 forms the data into frames.

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